

CORCY CAPTURED BY THE FRENCH

PARIS, July 11.—French troops last night captured the town of Corcy on the front southwest of Soissons, the war office announced today. In addition to gaining complete possession of Corcy, including the Corcy railway station, the French took the Chateau and the farm of St. Paul to the south of Corcy.

BRITISH IMPROVE POSITIONS

LONDON, July 11.—British troops again advanced south of the Somme, improving their positions east of Villers-Bretonneux last night, Field Marshal Haig announced today. (It was here that Australians and American advanced on the Fourth of July.)

ITALIANS MAKE NOTED GAINS

LONDON, July 11.—Italian forces, aided by French and Albanians, together with British naval units, are sweeping northward across practically the entire width of Albania in what may be one of the most important military and political offensives of the war.

According to the latest dispatches received here, the allied troops, in addition to making important gains on the 60-mile front between the Adriatic and Devoli River, are threatening the Bulgarian right wing in the vicinity of Monartir, 115 miles from the sea.

ROOSEVELT BAGS HUN PLANE

WITH THE AMERICAN FORCES ON THE MARN, July 10.—Lieutenant Quentin Roosevelt, the youngest son of ex-President Roosevelt, brought down his first German airplane this afternoon in a fight north of Chateau-Thierry.

Lieutenant Roosevelt with three other pilots, was flying at a height of 5000 yards eight miles inside of the German lines when the machines became separated. Soon after, Roosevelt saw three planes which he thought were his companions, and started to join them. He was closely approaching the machines from the rear when he saw his mistake, for the planes were German. Roosevelt immediately opened fire, and after 50 shots, tracers penetrated the fuselage of the nearest German machine, and it went into a spinning nose dive, falling through the clouds 2000 yards below.

THE DRYS WIN FIRST BATTLE

WASHINGTON, July 11.—When the Senate refused to sustain the ruling of Senator Saulsbury, Delaware, president pro tempore, that the prohibition amendment be stricken from the \$11,000,000 emergency agricultural bill, because it is general legislation, supporters of national prohibition as a war measure won their first fight last night.

Consideration of a motion by Senator Phelan of California to strike out all reference to win is expected to come today, and the dry forces are looking for a final vote within a few days.

The chair's decision was overruled by a narrow margin, 36 to 33.

Sensors Pomerene and Harding voted to sustain the ruling.

BOLSHEVIKI FORCES DEFEATED

WASHINGTON, July 11.—Szech-Slovaks have captured Nikolsk, an important railway junction near Viadovostok, the State Department was officially informed on Wednesday. The capture was effected after a lively fight with combined forces of the Red Guards and armed German and Hungarian prisoners, supported with an armored train and artillery.

The Szechs captured 600 Hungarian prisoners. The Red Guards and their German allies retreated toward Habarozsk, taking much of their equipment with them. Their forces fell eight trains.

The Szechs lost 40 killed and 200 wounded in the fighting around Nikolsk. The population of Nikolsk is friendly to the Szech-Slovaks.

The Bolsheviki have hung several city officials and railway employes for refusing to assist them, the cables stated.

WEEKLY REVIEW OF WAR

During the week the Italians succeeded in clearing the Austrians out of a very considerable part of the terrain the enemy had been clinging to near the mouth of the Piave, between the new and old beds of the river. In hard fighting the Austrian resistance was broken in the area close to the Adriatic. General Diaz's troops driving the invaders completely out of the contested district and across the new bed of the river from Gaisola to the sea, a distance of approximately five miles.

In the Franco-Belgian area successful local thrusts were made by the allies at several points. These attacks were calculated to upset such dispositions for a new attack as the Germans might be making.

East of Aniens Australian troops assisted by Americans, drove the Germans out of the village of Hamel and the Vaire and Hamel woods to the south, at the same time launching a secondary attack on the German positions north of the Somme. One thousand German prisoners were taken. Northwest of Soissons, the French gained ground and took 1,000 prisoners. American troops in the Chateau Thierry district, on the Marne river, put down desperate attacks by German forces which sought to recover ground lost last week.

Austrian losses in the recent unsuccessful offensive against Italy and during the Italian counter offensive are estimated at between 200,000 and 250,000, including at least 50,000 killed, by the Roman war office.

SERVICE FLAG DEDICATION

At Bethany Last Sunday Night Memorable Affair

The services at the Evangelical church last Sunday were largely attended. In the morning the pastor delivered a patriotic address to a good-sized congregation. He said in part:

"Modern warfare has its lessons for all nations. It requires an intelligent, well disciplined and thoroughly seasoned army. This army must be well organized, directed by competent leaders, and supplied with modern weapons. These are some of the elements of strength of any nation in its morale, its patriotic impulse. As long as the fire of patriotism is burning brightly on the altar of a country it cannot die. We are going to teach the world that there is something we value more than the 'mighty dollar.' Our sense of human justice, our respect for the inalienable right of every man, woman and child will win the war. I am proud of my country, I am proud of our flag, I am proud of our soldier boys. I am proud of every good citizen of our great country. We shall be looked upon as the savior of the stability and perpetuity of democratic government."

In the evening, under the auspices of the Young People's Alliance, a patriotic program was rendered in a packed house. The chief feature of the service centered in the presentation and dedication of the flags. One, a large, beautiful American flag, was the gift to the church of First Lieutenant N. D. Hellwarth, 62nd Infantry, Camp Fremont, Calif. The donor is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Hellwarth of this city. Miss Hattie Rykema, the president of the Alliance, was requested to present the flag, which she did in a very acceptable manner. As the pastor came forward to accept the flag in behalf of the church, the large audience cheered lustily.

After a few well chosen remarks the pastor requested the audience to stand reverently before the emblem of the nation, as an acknowledgment and appreciation of the beautiful gift of one of our soldier boys.

Miss Rykema then presented as a gift of the Alliance, a large, neatly finished service flag with 10 stars in its folds. The very appearance of the flag brought a feeling of subduedness over the entire audience, and in tender tones, uttered in suitable language, the pastor responded, and then requested the audience again to offer a prayer to God to guide our nation and protect our soldier boys.

The assignment of the stars was a very unique and impressive exercise. As the names of the boys were drawn a near relative or a friend came forward and pinned it to a star. Among these could be seen a father, mother, a wife, a brother or a sister, all proud of their loved ones for their patriotism and services to our beloved country.

The names of those who have entered the service are:

Norval D. Hellwarth
Ralph Jordan
Ralph E. Browns
Arthur Gray
Ellery Miller
Karl McComb
Robert Thomas
Amos Humphrey
Carl Wright
Peter Vanderwood

HOGS FEAST ON WHEAT

Frank Lange Ordered to Appear Here This Morning

G. W. Philipps, editor of the Coldwater Chronicle, called up the officers at Celina this morning to report a farmer had turned hogs into his wheat field, in the vicinity of Coldwater, and asked that the officials give attention to the matter.

B. A. Myers, at the head of the local food commission, was out of town and Sheriff Humphrey said he had no authority to act in the matter, thereby calling attention to the need of some one who can be here to give constant heed to the many matters pertaining to food conservation at this critical time.

County Supt. Crittman communicated the matter to Columbus asking what should be done.—From the Daily Standard of yesterday.

The party referred to in the Standard is Frank Lange, residing southwest of St. Henry. A couple of Federal officers who chanced to be here yesterday were notified of the occurrence and in company with Mr. Crittman visited Lange's farm and found the report of Editor Philipps to be correct.

Lange was notified to appear here this morning, and it's a good guess he will not pasture any more hogs on wheat very soon. He sure belongs to one of Emperor Bill's brood, and reports that there are more cattle of the same breed down there has been reaching here quite frequently of late.

PATRIOTIC PAGEANT AND SERVICE FLAG DEDICATION

The Sunday-school of the Church of God will render a patriotic pageant at the Tabernacle on West Market street next Sunday evening at 8 o'clock, entitled "Children of America." The pageant is the same as given at Neptune, and was pronounced a success there. A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend this entertainment. It will give an opportunity for observing a wide awake Sunday-school in action and at the same time afford an evening of entertainment and patriotic edification.

TWO HUNDRED KILLED OR HURT

Result of Collision Between Passenger Trains.

NASHVILLE SCENE OF DISASTER

Most of the Victims Were Negro Workmen on Their Way to a Powder Plant Near the City—Cause of the Accident May Never Be Established.

Nashville, Tenn., July 10.—One hundred persons were killed and a like number injured, a score seriously, in a head-on collision between two passenger trains on the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis railway at Dutchman's Bend, five miles from this city.

Most of the killed and injured were on a local train from Nashville, which carried several coaches full of workmen going to a nearby powder plant. The other train was an express from Memphis, and after the two engines had roared and fallen beside the track the heavy coaches of the express plowed through the baggage car on the accommodation train and demolished two other coaches.

Many of the men were killed almost instantly, but others were pinned beneath the wreckage and could not be removed before they succumbed. Doctors and nurses were rushed to the scene from Nashville and assisted in rescuing injured as well as caring for them. The injured, some of whom are thought to be fatally hurt, were brought to Nashville in ambulances and automobiles and are being cared for at hospitals here.

As the crews of both locomotives were killed, the cause of the collision may never be established. The express train was running late and one theory advanced was that the engineer of the accommodation train may have disregarded signals. There also was the possibility that he may have been given wrong instructions.

Three investigations of the wreck are expected, one by officials of the road, another by state officials and a third by the railroad administration. Only a few women were among the killed. Most of the white persons killed were in the telescoped smoking car of the accommodation train. Train crews finally succeeded in lifting the heavy baggage car of the express train by jacks and releasing the men under it. Thirty were taken out, all but one of them dead. Among the killed were several soldiers and sailors and a member of the marine corps. Lieutenant Don Long of the aviation service of Nashville was among the seriously injured. Engineer William F. Lloyd and Fireman Tom Kelly of the through train and Engineer Dave C. Kennedy and Fireman Luther Meadows of the local, all of Nashville, were killed.

Local Briefs

What do you think of a farm of 120 acres earning 28 per cent? The Bitter farm will sell July 27, and to the highest bidder.

Attorney B. A. Myers has been appointed to succeed C. A. Stubbs as secretary of the Mercer county food commission.

Mrs. L. D. Jennings, of West Cairo, has been employed to teach in the Celina high school. She is a graduate of Wooster University.

Albert Malick, Herbert Albers and Ralph Short, well known young men of this city, enlisted in the navy on the 3rd inst. at Cincinnati and are now at the Great Lakes training station at Chicago.

Grandpa and Grandma Hartzog are very well, thank you. It may be of further interest to note that Mr. and Mrs. Guy Hartzog, of Columbus, are the parents of a brand new boy, born Monday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles O. Hartzog, of West Logan street.

Lieutenant Hugh Stephenson, son of E. E. Stephenson of this city, has written his father a very interesting letter of his trip across seas and of meeting Sailor Stivers, a Mercer county boy, while waiting to embark. The latter, he said, had gone across with a number of Celina boys some time previous.

106 acres will sell, and the balance of the 120 acres goes to the purchaser of the Bitter farm.

Have you enlisted in the army of savers for your country and yourself? Buy War Savings Stamps.

FAIRS AS AID TO FOOD SUPPLY

Problems to Be Solved in War as Well as Peace Times

[Wm. Wiley, Secretary of the Mercer County Agricultural Society.]

The most serious problem faced by a modern nation in war time is the food supply of its armies and civil population. No other one single question has given the belligerent nations so much concern and dictated so many war policies as the necessities of war in reference to agricultural production and food supply.

The war blockade of the armies and the ruthless submarine warfare of the Central Powers are both direct attacks upon the food supply of the enemy.

Any activity which tends to increase the supply of food or to conserve the available supplies by better utilization of the practice of economy, are war measures of the highest importance to the nations at war.

The agricultural fairs must be regarded as important activities for the following reasons:

The function of an agricultural fair is to promote a larger production, improve the quality of all farm products and encourage better methods of production.

The methods employed to accomplish these results are the most effective possible through actual demonstration and instruction.

Important facts are impressed upon the visitors to such exhibits through observation.

The finest specimens of live stock, grains, fruits and vegetables and the newest appliances in agricultural machinery are available for the careful study of thousands of farmers.

The agricultural fair is a great reformer of production of food products.

Such a conference if highly appropriate in war times as well as in times of peace.

Let us all meet again in this great conference at the Banner Fair, August 19 to 23 next.

AMOS REGARDS LOSS AS A SORT OF ASSET

Amos Beldon has filed a suit for divorce in the common pleas court, in which he charges his wife with leaving for parts unknown with one Tim Nihem.

On the eve of her departure she disposed of all their household goods, the wife taking advantage of his absence out of town. The couple were married in Van Wert county and have one child, Basil Beldon, aged 15.

Prices For Cotton Products Cut. Washington, July 9.—Prices for cotton products showing reductions of from 20 to 30 per cent, as compared with quoted market prices were approved by President Wilson.

The prices were agreed upon at a conference between the price-fixing committee of the war industries board and a committee representing cotton goods manufacturers.

THROUGH FINLAND

Allied Armies May Attempt Intervention In Russia.

London, July 10.—Intervention by the allies in Russia is likely to come not through a Japanese army at Vladivostok but through an American, French and British force in Arctic Russia and Finland. It will probably result in the restoration of the eastern battle front and ultimate occupation of Petrograd by the allies, unless the Germans and Finns get their first.

The "White Guard" government of Finland is reported in one dispatch already to have declared war on the Finns. Whether this is true or not it is only a question of time when the Finnish government, under German pressure, will come out openly against the allies.

The Germans have taken control of the Finnish army and have sent from 40,000 to 75,000 German troops into Finland to resume the attempt to capture the Murman railroad. General Mannerheim, who commanded the Finnish White Guard, has been supplanted by the German General Von Der Goltz.

Americans Take Prisoners. Washington, July 8.—Capture of additional German prisoners by American patrols in the Chateau Thierry region was reported in General Pershing's communique. In the Woivre a strong hostile party succeeded in entering an American outpost position, but was driven out by a counter attack.

War Council Abolished. Washington, July 9.—Secretary Baker abolished the war council and turned over its principal functions to the assistant secretaries of war, General March, chief of staff, and Major General Goethals, assistant chief of staff in charge of purchases, storage and traffic.

U. B. RALLY AND PICNIC SUNDAY

The Twelve-Mile Circuit of the United Brethren Church will hold an all-day meeting at the Celina fairgrounds next Sunday. There will be a preaching service at 10:30 a. m. by E. C. Mason of Huntington, Ind. At 2 p. m. there will be a children's service.

DADS DANCE FOR GAS COMPANY

E. R. Curtin and S. S. Wheeler, of the Lima Gas Company, of which the Celina Gas Company is a spoke in the wheel, were before council Tuesday night to urge immediate action on the terms which they propose for furnishing gas to Celina people, a dose they must swallow or curl up and die. The dads proceeded to dance to which music, an ordinance for a franchise and for fixing the price of natural and artificial gas being read.

Mayor Scranton appointed W. H. Weaver to succeed Ed Merkle as Street Commissioner, the lease on the jobs ran to the first of the year. The dads confirmed the appointment, and the new broom is shining things up according to our daily contemporary. It is to be hoped he will find some of the weeds on the outskirts of the village, so its denizens may get a glimpse of the sky without looking straight up.

The Staric Acid plant still seeks an outlet into the sanitary sewer, and the matter was put up to the sewer committee. Give the concern a shovel and let it go to it.

FATAL PLUNGE INTO RESERVOIR

Carl Courtwright, aged 34, the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Courtwright, evidently in a fit of despondency jumped into the reservoir from a fishing platform near the Reunert ice-house last Friday afternoon and was drowned before his companions could collect their beffuddled senses and make an attempt to save him.

Bert Andrews, one of the party made an effort to reach the drowning man, and with the aid of a young man early on the scene succeeded in bringing his lifeless body to shore. Medical aid was summoned, but it was perhaps half an hour after the tragedy before Dr. Miller reached the place. Every effort made to resuscitate the drowned man, but the spark of life had fled. The body was taken to the McDaniel & Meisler undertaking establishment and subsequently removed to the home of his parents, on East Market street.

Besides his parents, the deceased is survived by his wife and one brother, Dr. Courtwright, of Dayton.

Funeral services were held from the home last Monday morning, with Rev. Luck in charge, assisted by Rev. Kowbance. Interment at North Grove cemetery.

ALLEGES BOOZE A PARTNER TO TROUBLE

Flora C. Michael asks a divorce from Ulysses S. Michael, to whom she was wedded in 1904 at Mercer, this county. The couple have five children, ranging from two to thirteen years of age.

The wife alleges that Ulysses spends the bulk of his money in the saloons; that he fails to provide the necessities of life, and that he has abused, cursed and neglected her. She not only wants her liberty, but the custody of their children and alimony for their partial support and care.

The music of the fifth day, afternoon and night, will be provided by Hann's Jubilee Singers, a group of real darkies who know how to put the heart throbs into those sweet southern melodies, and yet who sing the most difficult airs of grand opera with equal ease and charm.

Altogether, the great lecture program of the Chautauqua is amply and ably enlivened by entertainment features which alone would be worth the price of admission.

ARTHUR SAYS HE'S READY TO SHOULDER BURDEN

Arthur Soule, of Fosteria, was brought here last week to answer charge of battery, brought by Miss Ida Emma, of Mendon, in Justice Scranton's court.

Soule acknowledges the paternity of the plaintiff's child, and says he was ready to make amends as far as was in his power by marrying Miss Emma, as he agreed last August, but got no encouragement, and is perfectly willing to support the child. The case has been carried to the common pleas court.

COLLEGETOWN HOLDS W. S. RECORD

Granville, Licking County, Buys \$60,000 In War Savings Stamps.

Newark, O.—(Special)—Granville, the home of Denison University, holds the War Savings Stamp record for Ohio, and, perhaps, for the nation.

Postmaster Geach's report of War Savings Stamp sales for the six months ended June 30 shows a total of \$58,815; sales for June, \$17,005, and for two days, June 28 and 29, \$15,900. The 1910 census gives Granville a population of 1294. This shows per capita sales of \$40, twice the allotment assigned to the people of Ohio.

Hundreds of Granville people are buying War Savings Stamps every week and they will continue the practice during the remainder of the year. Postmaster Geach expects to show total sales by January 1 of \$75,000.

In sale of War Savings Stamps, Licking county will "carry on." To the first of July, its quota had been reached with cash sales of \$618,000 and pledges for more than \$100,000. The county's 1918 quota is \$1,236,150.

Buying War Savings Stamps is not only the safest investment that can be made, but the easiest and most direct way to aid your government.

Never forget the investment features of War Savings Stamps. When you buy them you become a stockholder in the United States, the greatest corporation in the world.

The Bitter farm is all black land; water, quicksand and gravel at a depth of 4 feet.

Secamore, Elm, Cottonwood, 60 feet the first limb, is the character of the Bitter farm. Sell July 27. A description of the property will be found on another page under the head, "Administrator's sale of real estate."

LIGHTER SIDE NOT NEGLECTED

Pogue Placed at Head of Chautauqua Committee

Prof. J. W. Pogue has been placed at the head of the Chautauqua ticket selling committee in place of Prosecutor Stubbs now in service at Camp Sherman. His previous experience with Chautauqua work here will help much to interest the public in the fine program of the coming meeting. Only minor details remain to be worked out. The success of the meeting is already assured.

The local Chautauqua leaders are anxious that folks hereabouts should not get the idea that because the Chautauqua this year is of more serious importance than ever before, the lighter side of the program has been slighted.

For that is not the case. Better entertainment features have been provided than ever—and they are universal in their appeal.

On the first day the entire afternoon is devoted to a concert by the Original Strollers Quartette—a group of male voices that is far above the average, whose work both as soloists and in ensemble will linger long in the memory of music lovers. Their accompaniment on the clear toned Swinburne Bells is a feature of some of their sweeter numbers. The Strollers also provide the prelude for the evening program.

"The Second Day bring an afternoon 'Artist's Recital' by Misses Elizabeth Viol and Margaret Ringgold—violinist and pianist of rare accomplishment, and the entire evening is devoted to the dramatic work of Hattie Jane Dunaway in her presentation of 'Just Plain Judy'—a wonderful adaptation of the big metropolitan stage success, 'Daddy Long Legs'.

In this remarkable piece of dramatic art, Miss Dunaway takes all the characters in the play, making fourteen complete changes of costume, and carrying the audience with her in breathless interest. Her work is given an admirable musical setting by Misses Viol and Ringgold.

On the Third Day, the Mozart Orchestral Ladies provide the entire afternoon program and render a delightful musical prelude at night. They are a group of wonderfully talented musicians charming in appearance and mastery in execution, who do a serious of ensemble and solo numbers, some of them in costume, that is positively captivating.

The Fourth Day will resound with the blaring brasses and crashing marches of the great Royal Blue Hussars Band—who will fill the afternoon and evening with their wonderful music under the skilled direction of Captain Danville, the able assistance of Miss Eva Quintard, the grand opera star whose solos with band accompaniment add wonderfully to the day's enjoyment. In addition, there are numerous novelty numbers, including instrumental solos, duets and an oceanic sextette.

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THE GRIM REAPER

Mrs. Mary L. East, aged 65 years, died at her home a few miles west of this city last Wednesday evening. Death was due to cancer of the stomach, from which she was a sufferer the past year. She was the wife of the late Anderson East, who passed away a couple years since.

The deceased is survived by five children—Mrs. Albert Houts, Bastian East and Mrs. Steve Wilson, residents of the county; Sylvester East, of Yorkshire, O., and Chester East, of New Corydon, Ind.

Funeral services will be held at Mt. Carmel church next Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, with interment at Swamp College cemetery.

Jasper Cole, aged 66, a well known resident of this city, died at the county infirmary last Friday, where he had been an inmate since May. He had been in ill health the past couple years, and suffered severely from his affliction, dropsy.

The deceased is survived by his wife and two children—a son, Charles, somewhere in the west, and a daughter, Mrs. Eva Kennedy, of Muncie, Ind. A brother, Henry Cole of this city, also survives him.

Funeral services were held from the infirmary chapel Saturday, with Rev. Browns in charge. Interment in North Grove cemetery.

TOOK IN CIRCUS AND ENJOYED PICNIC DINNER

W. E. Kirkpatrick and family, C. M. Profit and family, and J. E. Reynolds and son James motored to Lima Wednesday and attended Barnum & Bailey's show, the greatest on earth. They went with well-filled baskets and enjoyed their dinner at Elm Grove, on the Auglatze river, south of Lima. They met several old acquaintances and also saw the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kirkpatrick when they resided in that city. They were met by the way of Spencerville and returned by the way of Wapakoneta. All report an enjoyable time.